

Creative Community Connections

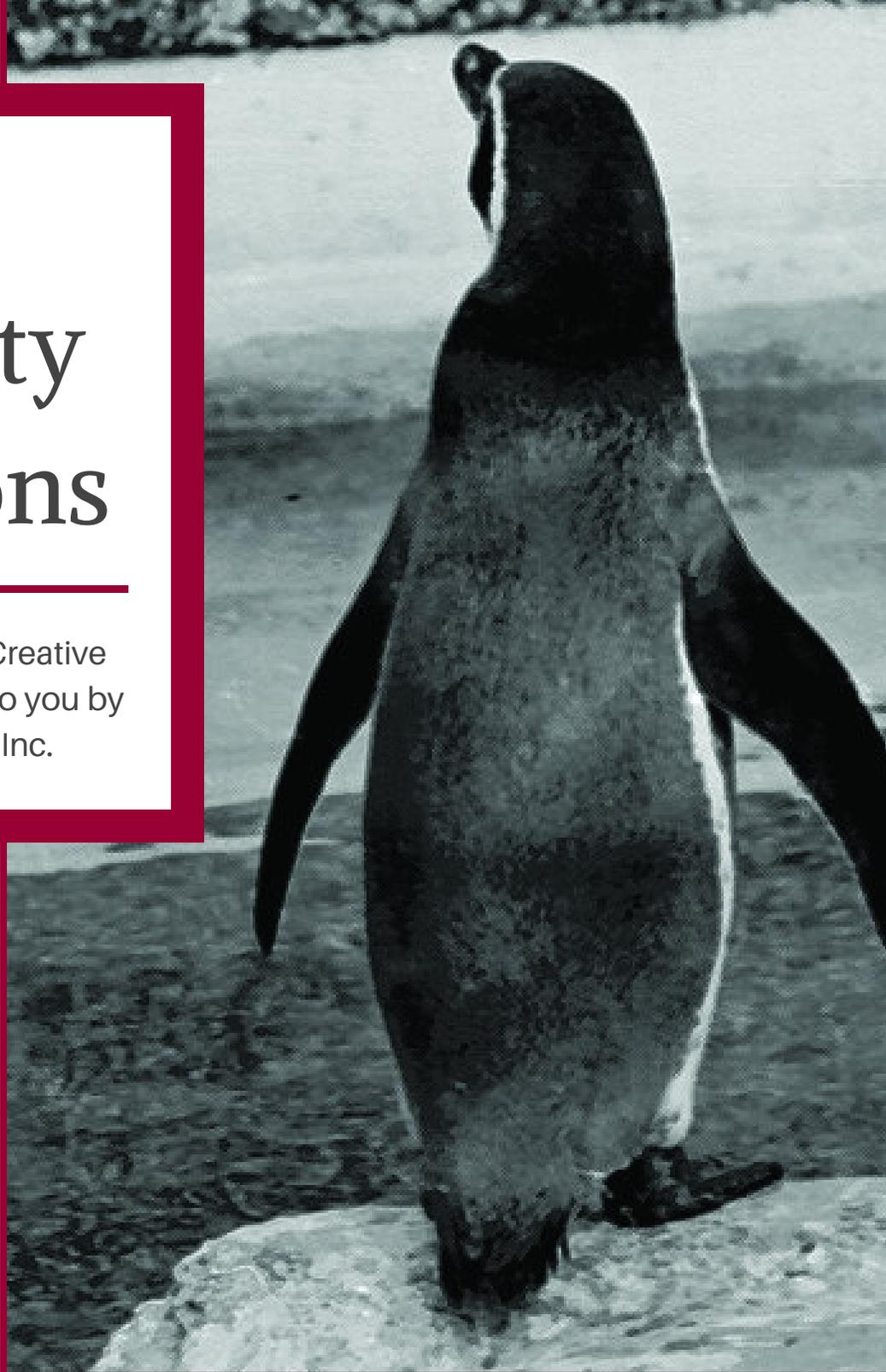
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Spotlight

Southwestern Veterans'
Center, "March of the
Penguins!" Edition

Join Us June 19th!
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Meet the Artist
Maritza Mosquera



March on Over and Celebrate with Us!

Southwestern Veterans' Center invites everyone to experience and participate in their Culminating Event, "Making Contact: Traveling In Our Space," a curated gallery of artwork and stories by elders at Southwestern Veterans' Center. Join resident participants, staff and Teaching Artist, Maritza Mosquera, as they share their journey through this Creative Community of Care and plans for the program's future. It's a victory lap for all!

Making Contact: Traveling In Our Space

Date

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Room

Multi-Purpose Room

Address

7060 Highland Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Event Inquiries

Contact Chris Veitch at chveitch@pa.gov

The following team members are building this community of care. In addition to intensive online trainings last December/January, since February they have attended an on-site workshop, coaching calls, team meetings and several webinars while planning weekly creative engagement sessions:

Team Roster

Chris Veitch, *CTRS, TRSS, Activities Director*

Colleen Cairnes, *TRSW, Therapeutic Recreation Service Worker*

Carla Carter, *MAAA, Activities Assistant*

Jill Dosch, *MAAA, Activities Assistant*

Dorothy Wakefield, *MAAA, Activities Assistant*

Maritza Mosquera, *Teaching Artist, PF/PCA*



Meet the Artist

Maritza Mosquera is an artist community-transformation partner who has developed, organized, and presented new practices in arts education and artist-led community collaborations with several organizations: Yerba Buena Center for The Arts, Alabama Dance Council, Chicago Arts Partners in Education, Facing History in Ourselves, The Black and White Reunion, and The Andy Warhol Museum. Based in Pittsburgh, PA, she is currently developing community engagement programs for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs - Southwestern Veterans' Center, Alternative Education in Prison program, The Jewish Association on Aging, Hatch Arts Collective, and her own Human Liberation Project and Food Truck programs. Mosquera's artwork focuses on ideas of justice, health, and community, is exhibited globally, and has been supported by Arts Midwest, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, The National Endowment for the Arts, The Ford Foundation, and the Multi-Cultural Arts Initiative. She has taught in various schools and universities and studied at Skowhegan School of Painting. She received her MFA at the University of Pennsylvania and BFA at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

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They better never cancel this class!" –Ro, Resident

Spotlight on Team's Interests

Individuals often have multiple talents and interests we encourage they infuse into their work with elders. Check out the impressive and diverse interests in this crew:

Chris Veitch

Woodworking, Painting, Home Remodeling, and Barber-Style Haircuts

Colleen Cairnes

Piano, Acrylic Painting, and Crafts

Carla Carter

Spiritual Activities

Jill Dosch

Cooking & Decorating

Dorothy Wakefield

Dementia Unit Activities

"TimeSlips is wonderful for 1:1's on our memory-impaired unit."

Dorothy Wakefield, MAAA

Jim displays his art with humorous dialogue.

As each group concludes, storytellers share their works while Teaching Artist, Maritza Mosquera, highlights design elements in each piece.

(Photo, right: C. Veitch)



Storytelling notes hang in the background as finished art pieces dry. Neil explains his art as Carla and Ro look on.

(Photo, above: C. Veitch)

Funding for this Creative Community of Care

The Pennsylvania TimeSlips Creative Community of Care project is a collaboration with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. The PCA is funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal Agency.

Sixty participants are training at these six locations:

- Delaware Valley Veterans' Home
- Gino Merli Veterans' Center
- Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home
- Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home
- Southeastern Veterans' Center
- Southwestern Veterans' Center

About Pittsburgh Filmmakers / Pittsburgh Center for the Arts

Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts (PF/PCA) is committed to the artist and the advancement of artistic excellence in visual arts – specifically film, digital video, photography, media, and fine and creative arts and crafts; the provision of equipment and facilities for artists; the conduct of instructional programs; and the stimulation of public understanding and awareness through exhibitions, demonstrations, and sales. Through our partnership with the Pennsylvania Center for the Arts, PF/PCA's Artists in Schools & Communities offers artist residency projects and other vital arts services to schools, community organizations, and nonprofit service agencies working with both children and adults in Allegheny, Beaver, Greene, and Washington counties.



“ Each week there are warm welcomes, shared smiles, and creative conversations undergirded by mutual respect and a culture of kindness with a belief in the potential of each individual.”

Mary Brenholts, Director,
Artists in Schools & Communities

“ TimeSlips gets you thinking and it allows you to put words into action. I really like it.”

Rose Marie, Resident

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